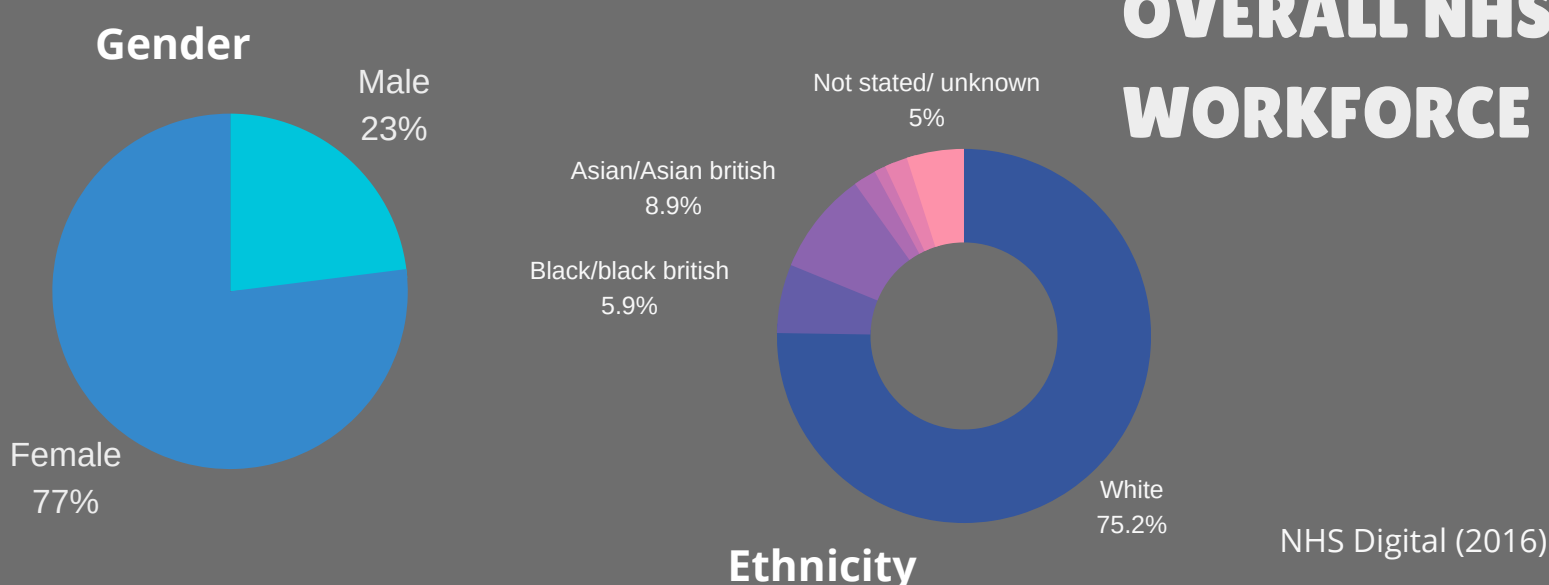


DIVERSITY IN THE SPEECH AND LANGUAGE THERAPY PROFESSION

A snapshot

OVERALL NHS WORKFORCE



GENDER DIVERSITY IN SLT



Females were almost five times as likely to say they would consider a career in speech and language therapy (Greenwood et al. 2006)

3.2%

MALE

(HCPC, 2019)

ETHNIC MINORITY DIVERSITY IN SLT

In a study by Greenwood et al. (2006) ethnic minority participants said they placed greater importance on studying for a degree, a profession and a scientific career, and were more influenced by a career's prestige and a high salary, than white participants



CAREER CHOICES

Limited awareness, exposure and/or understanding of the SLT profession has been cited as a possible explanation for the lack of diversity within the profession (e.g. Greenwood et al. 2006; Litosseliti & Leadbeater, 2003; Stapleford & Todd, 1999)

Current images of the SLP* profession depict limited professional demographics and client groups (e.g. paediatrics) (Byrne, 2018)

A campaign led by NHS England for nursing in 2018, has contributed to a 9% increase in male nursing applications according to UCAS (NHS England, 2019)

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